

MINUTES  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER  
December 14, 2006

PRESENT: Donald Lyons, Chairperson  
Sandy Yates  
Wilma Brown  
Charlotte Barkley  
Betty Meredith  
Joyce Bunn  
Loretta Evans  
BJ McKnight, Human Rights Advocate  
Dr. Rafael Semidei, Psychiatrist  
Dr. Mark Witherspoon, Psychology Director

ABSENT: Denice Olinger  
Dr. Ohlen Wilson  
Karen Poe, Facility Liaison

The Local Human Rights Committee for Southwestern Virginia Training Center met on Thursday, December 14, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room #2. This was a combined meeting for the months of November and December. Chairperson, Donald Lyons, called the meeting to order and presided.

On a motion by Sandy Yates, and a second by Joyce Bunn, the minutes from the October 25, 2006, meeting were unanimously approved.

The group reviewed the 2007 schedule of public LHRC meetings. Loretta Evans made a motion that the schedule be accepted. Charlotte Barkley seconded the motion and the group unanimously voted to accept the 2007 LHRC meeting schedule.

A motion was made by Charlotte Barkley and seconded by Betty Meredith that the Local Human Rights Committee go into Executive Session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711.A(4) and (15) for the purpose of reviewing the restrictive behavior plans and/or medication reviews of residents. Such review would necessarily involve discussion and consideration of mental and medical records which are confidential and exempted from the Freedom of Information Act.

After review in Executive Session, a motion was made by Sandy Yates and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the LHRC convene in Open Session. The motion carried.

Upon reconvening in Open Session, the Local Human Rights Committee unanimously certified that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session, were discussed in the Executive Session.

On a motion made by Betty Meredith and a second by Charlotte Barkley, the LHRC unanimously approved as presented individual programs presented by first names and register numbers for residents of Connections, New Horizon, and Pathways Cottages with one update report to be given next month.

Ms. Brown inquired about the percentage of residents who are discharged versus who die here. Ms. McKnight will ask the facility liaison, Karen Poe, to research these statistics and give a report to the committee.

Human Rights Advocate, BJ McKnight, handed out two documents and asked that the committee review them and bring their comments to next month's meeting. The documents were a draft summary of comments on the proposed revisions to the Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and SWVTC Policy #570 on Restraint.

The Abuse/Neglect Report by Larry Smith, Chief of Program Support Services, was postponed until next month. The Advocate's report was also postponed until next month.

The next meeting of the LHRC is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

A motion was made by Sandy Yates and seconded by Joyce Bunn that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried.